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SUBJ: RAY BAKER'S RETURN TO NIGERIA

REF: LAGOS 8360

1. FABUNMI TOLD DCM THIS AFTERNOON THAT THE ONLY ASPECT OF THE BAKER CASE STILL UNRESOLVED IS WHETHER BAKER WILL BE PERMITTED TO RETURN TO NIGERIA TEMPORARILY OR PERMANENTLY. IT MAY TAKE ANOTHER WEEK OR TWO TO SETTLE THAT ISSUE. HOWEVER, SO THAT BAKER'S ARRIVAL IN NIGERIA CAN OCCUR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, FABUNMI EXPECTS TO RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE CABINET OFFICE JULY 10 WHICH WILL AUTHORIZE A TEMPORARY VISIT BY BAKER TO NIGERIA: (FABUNMI MENTIONED THREE MONTHS IN THIS REGARD, BUT AS AN ILLUSTRATION RATHER THAN A COMMITMENT.) FABUNMI SAID THAT HE WILL NOTIFY BOTH THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THIS EMBASSY JUST AS SOON AS HE RECEIVES THIS LETTER.

2. WHEN DCM TOLD FABUNMI THAT THE EMBASSY HAD JUST SENT THE DEPARTMENT A RECOMMENDATION THAT BAKER NOW SUBMIT HIS VISA APPLICATION, FABUNMI SAID HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR BAKER TO WAIT UNTIL FABUNMI NOTIFIES THE EMBASSY HE HAS RECEIVED THE LETTER FROM THE CABINET OFFICE AND NOTIFIED THE NIGERIAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. HE WAS A LITTLE WORRIED THAT THE LATTER EMBASSY MIGHT REJECT THE APPLICATION WITHOUT REFERRING THE ISSUE TO LAGOS
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AND THAT THIS COULD LEAD TO DELAYS AND COMPLICATIONS. FABUNMI SUGGESTED, HOWEVER, THAT BAKER PROCEED WITH HIS TRAVEL PLANS, OBTAIN A VISA APPLICATION, AND PREPARE TO SUBMIT IT.

3. COMMENT: WE THINK FABUNMI IS LEVELLING WITH US AND THAT HIS ADVICE IS SOUND.

4. FABUNMI'S OTHER COMMENT WAS THAT BAKER WOULD PROBABLY BE
ABLE TO STAIGHTEN OUT THE QUESTION OF PERMANENT RESIDENCE HERE
ONCE HE ARRIVES, IF THAT ISSUE HAS NOT ALREADY BEEN RESOLVED
IN HIS FAVOR BY THEN.
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